

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims are 1, 4, 8 and 10-12. Claim 1 has been amended to improve its form and to incorporate subject matter previously appearing in claims 2, 3 and 5. Accordingly, claims 2, 3 and 5 have been canceled, and claims 4, 8 and 11, which previously depended on claim 2, have been amended to depend on claim 1 as amended. In addition, claims 6, 7 and 9 have been canceled and claims 1, 11 and 12 have been amended to remove reference numerals. Reconsideration is expressly requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 9 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Van Heerden et al.* U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0160732. The remaining claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Van Heerden et al.* alone (claims 3, 5, 6, 7 and 11) or further in view of *Rowson et al.* U.S. Patent No. 6,675,461 (claim 10).

In response, Applicant has amended claim 1 to conform to changes made in the corresponding German patent following an opposition procedure and respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejections for the following reasons.

As set forth in claim 1 as amended, Applicant's invention provides a textile material that includes an HF transponder that includes a circuit module and an antenna linked therewith and set to a working frequency. The antenna is configured as a mechanically shortened E field radiator completely constituted of woven-in electrically conductive thread constructions of the textile material itself that can be processed by machine as part of a customary industrial textile production process. In the production process of weaving, inductances are made to meander, with such meandering being achieved by a continuous electrically conductive weft thread, which between each weft extends parallel to the warp threads along a distance on the respective selvedge, which distance corresponds to the thickness of several weft threads.

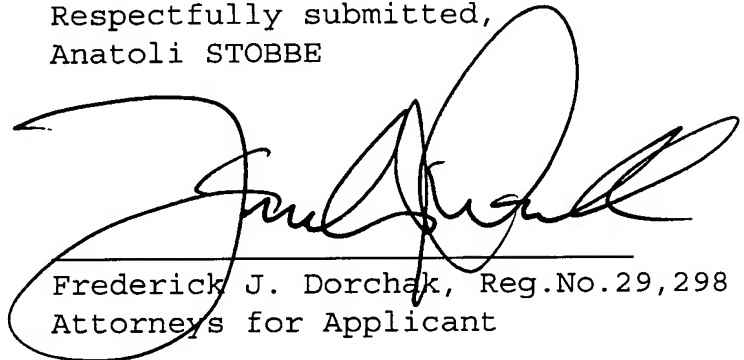
None of the cited references discloses or suggests a mechanically shortened meander-shaped E field radiator as an antenna which additionally is formed as a conductive textile thread as recited in claim 1 as amended.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 as

amended, together with claims 4, 8 and 10-12 which depend directly or indirectly thereon, are patentable over the cited references to *Van Heerden et al.* and *Rowson et al.*

In summary, claims 1, 4, 8 and 11-12 have been amended and claims 2-3, 5-7 and 9 have been canceled. In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the final action and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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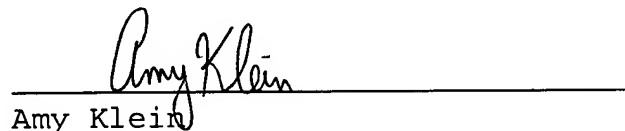


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